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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKAO HARADA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ZHU, WEIPING
SERIAL NO: 10/552,465 :
FILED: OCTOBER 7, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
IMPROVED COAL FOR USE IN :
METALLURGY, AND METHOD FOR :
PRODUCING REDUCED METAL AND :
SLAG CONTAINING OXIDIZED :
NONFERROUS METAL

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.